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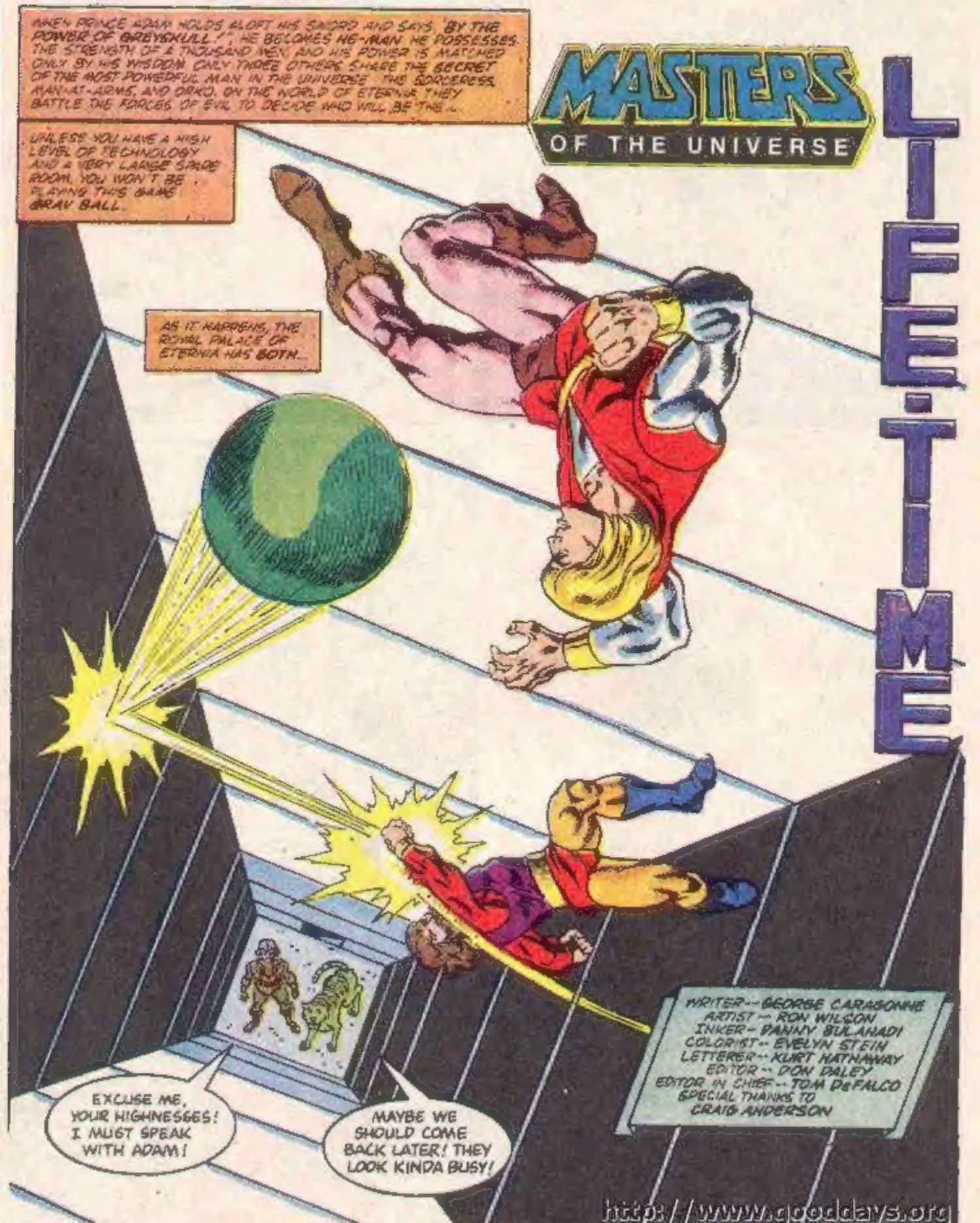
WHEN PRINCE ADAM HOLDS ALOFT HIS SWORD AND SAYS, 'BY THE POWER OF GREYSKULL!', HE BECOMES HE-MAN! HE POSSESSES THE STRENGTH OF A THOUSAND MEN, AND HIS POWER IS MATCHED ONLY BY HIS WISDOM. ONLY THOSE OTHERS SHARE THE SECRET OF THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE UNIVERSE: THE SORCERESS, MAN-AT-ARMS, AND ORKO. ON THE WORLD OF ETERNIA THEY BATTLE THE FORCES OF EVIL TO DECIDE WHO WILL BE THE...
MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE
LIFE-TIME
UNLESS YOU HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY AND A VERY LARGE SPACE ROOM, YOU WON'T BE PLAYING THIS GAME GRAV BALL.
AS IT HAPPENS, THE ROYAL PALACE OF ETERNIA HAS BOTH...
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EXCUSE ME, YOUR HIGHNESSES! I MUST SPEAK WITH ADAM!
MAYBE WE SHOULD COME BACK LATER! THEY LOOK KINDA BUSY!

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WE ARE NEVER TOO BUSY TO CARE FOR THE BUSINESS OF THE KINGDOM, CRINGER!
GRAVITY RETURNING TO NORMAL
THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS, IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE!
THERE'S A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES YOUR "SPECIAL ATTENTION," ADAM!
DOES IT HAVE TO BE NOW, DUNCAN? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FATHER AND I HAVE SPENT TOGETHER IN WEEKS!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SON! YOU GO AHEAD! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU TAKING AN INTEREST IN AFFAIRS OF STATE.
COULD WE FINISH OUR GAME LATER, FATHER?
I'D LOVE TO, SON-- IF I COULD FIND THE TIME. I HAVE MANY DUTIES THIS AFTERNOON.
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL GET TOGETHER SOON, ADAM!
YEAH... SURE...
I'M SORRY, ADAM, BUT HE-MAN IS NEEDED!
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH! GRRRR!
WHERE'S MY SWORD?
ISN'T IT A LITTLE CROWDED IN HERE?
BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL!
I HAVE THE POWER!!
RROWWER!
UH-- BATTLE CAT-- CAN YOU TAKE YOUR PAW OUT OF MY FACE, PLEASE?!
SORRY

LATER...
HE-MAN! YOU JUST MISSED ALL THE EXCITEMENT!
THE SNAKE MEN TRIED TO KIDNAP THE KING! FORTUNATELY, RIO BLAST AND MY PALACE GUARDS WERE HERE TO STOP THEM!
HE-MAN, HAVE YOU SEEN PRINCE ADAM? HE RAN OFF IN THE CONFUSION!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ADAM, LIEUTENANT ANDRA, HE ALWAYS SEEMS TO GET AWAY WHEN TROUBLE STARTS!

HE-MAN, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD HAVE A TALK WITH HIM? I DO WISH HE'D SHOW A LITTLE MORE COURAGE!
WHY CAN'T HE BE MORE LIKE YOU?

LATER...
I TELL YOU, DUNCAN, I'VE HAD IT! HE-MAN IS RUINING MY LIFE!
BUT, ADAM, YOU ARE HE-MAN!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I HAVE TO GIVE UP ALL THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO DO! I HAVE TO GO AROUND MAKING A FOOL OF MYSELF! MY OWN FATHER IS ASHAMED OF ME!
ADAM... I KNOW KEEPING YOUR SECRET ISN'T EASY! BUT IT'S NECESSARY! IF YOUR TRUE IDENTITY WERE KNOWN, YOUR ENEMIES WOULD THREATEN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO STOP YOU!
IT'S ALSO A TREMENDOUS TACTICAL ADVANTAGE! YOU CAN GO PLACES WHERE HE-MAN WOULD ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION. WHEN YOU BECOME HE-MAN, WE GAIN THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE!

ADAM, YOU ARE HE-MAN, AND YOU ARE NEEDED!
WHY ME?! WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ME?
"HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO FIGHT SKELETOR? WHEN I FIRST STARTED OUT, HE-MAN WAS THE ONLY ONE TO DEFEND ETERNIA. BUT IT'S DIFFERENT NOW! WE HAVE A WHOLE BAND OF HEROES!"
"HE-MAN ISN'T NEEDED ANYMORE! EVERYONE IS TOO DEPENDENT ON ME. CLAMP CHAMP HANDLED THAT ATTACK YESTERDAY. LIVES WERE ENDANGERED BECAUSE NOBODY THOUGHT TO CALL ANYONE BUT HE-MAN!"
"I THINK ETERNIA WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT ME AND I KNOW I'D BE BETTER OFF JUST BEING PRINCE ADAM!"
NO, YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE! HE-MAN WILL ALWAYS BE NEEDED! HE-MAN IS MORE THAN JUST A WARRIOR! HE'S A SYMBOL OF HOPE AND COURAGE FOR ALL ETERNIA!
DON'T YOU THINK I'VE SAID THAT TO MYSELF A HUNDRED TIMES? I'M JUST NOT SURE ANYMORE!
THINGS ARE SO CLEAR WHEN I'M HE-MAN! HE-MAN! THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE UNIVERSE! HE NEVER MAKES MISTAKES. HE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO!

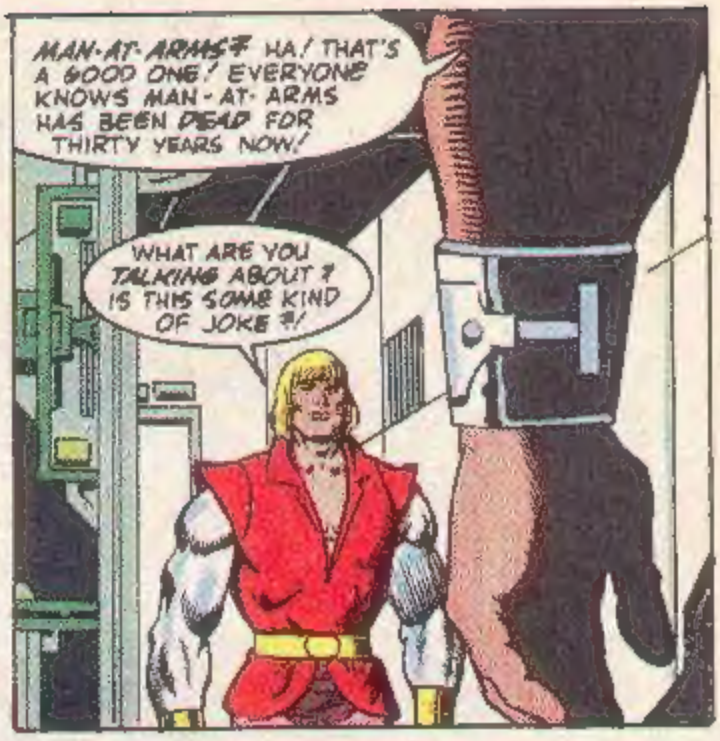
SOMETIMES, IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE REALLY TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE! I'M TIRED OF PUSHING MY LIFE ASIDE! I'M TIRED OF HE-MAN GETTING ALL THE CREDIT! I'M TIRED OF PRETENDING I'M A COWARD AND I'M TIRED OF RUNNING!
ADAM, YOU MUST REMEMBER YOUR DUTY! HE-MAN'S POWER IS AN IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY! THE MOST IMPORTANT ON ETERNIA!
DUTY! RESPONSIBILITY! HAVEN'T I DONE ENOUGH? HAVEN'T I FOUGHT LONG ENOUGH TO EARN A BREAK? CAN'T I LIVE MY OWN LIFE NOW?!
IT'S NOT "I HAVE THE POWER!"
NOW, "THE POWER HAS ME!"
I'VE GOT TO START LIVING MY LIFE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE PEOPLE RESPECT PRINCE ADAM, NOT JUST HE-MAN!
ADAM, PLEASE...
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
TOMORROW I'M GOING TO RETURN THE SWORD TO GRAYSKULL! THE SORCERESS CAN GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE!
I'M FINISHED!
IT'S OVER, DUNCAN!
ADAM, WAIT!
ADAM!!
ADAM! HELP! AAARRRSHH!

SKELETOR.!!
HOW PERCEPTIVE OF YOU, PRINCE!
MY SWORD! I CAN'T REACH IT!
SURRENDER TO ME! OR MAN-AT-ARMS PAYS THE PRICE!
Ah, PRINCE ADAM, I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU COULD FIND THE TIME TO BE HERE TODAY!
NOW YOU'LL WITNESS MY ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OVER HE-MAN!
BIG TALK, BONE BRAIN! HE-MAN HAS BEATEN YOU BEFORE AND HE'LL BEAT YOU AGAIN!
PROVIDED I CAN GET FREE OF THESE ROPES! THIS BOLT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
BRAVE WORDS! LET'S SEE IF YOU STILL HAVE THEM AFTER I DO THIS!
TEK!
WEAPON PRIMED
NOW, WHEN HE-MAN COMES TO RESCUE YOU...AS I'M SURE HE WILL.. HIS BRAINWAVES WILL CAUSE MY TIME BOMB TO ACTIVATE!
TEN SECONDS LATER, IT'S ENERGY FIELD WILL BLAST HE-MAN INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE AND OUT OF MY HAIR FOREVER!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
MY BRAINWAVES MUST BE THE SAME AS HE-MAN'S! THE BOMB IS ACTIVATED! NOW!
HE-MAN WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT, SKELETOR! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE FUN WITHOUT HIM!
GET THE POINT?

YOU FOOL! YOU'LL UNLEASH FORCES BEYOND IMAGINATION!
KRAKKOW!
N-WHAT HAPPENED?
MY SWORD!
YOUR SWORD? WHAT ABOUT MY BOMB? THAT MISERABLE PIECE OF SCRAP METAL MUST HAVE SHORT-CIRCUITED IT!
AARRRGGH!! I WANTED TO SEND HE-MAN INTO THE FUTURE, NOT YOUR WORTHLESS SWORD!
THAT BOMB WAS ONE-OF-A-KIND! I MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO REPLACE IT! I'LL GET EVEN WITH YOU FOR THIS, YOU ROYAL DO-GOODER! I PROMISE YOU!
Uhhhh! WHAT HAPPENED?
SKELETOR KNOCKED YOU OUT! WE HAD A LITTLE RUN-IN AND...
...MY SWORD WAS LOST!
WHAT? HOW?
I USED THE SWORD TO DESTROY ONE OF SKELETOR'S WEAPONS! NOW THE SWORD AND WEAPON HAVE VANISHED THROUGH THAT SPACE WARP... INTO THE FUTURE!!
I WANTED TO STOP BEING HE-MAN! WELL, NOW I'VE GOT MY WISH! WITHOUT THE SWORD, I'LL NEVER BE HE-MAN AGAIN!
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, YET! MY DIMENSIONAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM CAN FOLLOW A TRAIL OF ENERGY ACROSS SPACE AND TIME.
THERE! ACCORDING TO THE AMOUNT OF TRANS-CHRONO-ENERGY BEING GIVEN OFF BY THAT... "WORM HOLE" IN THE SPACE/TIME FABRIC...
...YOUR SWORD HAS BEEN SENT THIRTY YEARS INTO THE FUTURE!!

MINUTES LATER...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO THIS ALONE, ADAM?
I HAVE TO! EVEN IF I NEVER BECOME HE-MAN AGAIN, I OWE IT TO THE SORCERESS TO FIND THE POWER SWORD AND RETURN IT TO GRAYSKULL.
VERY WELL! THIS INTERFACE DEVICE WILL FOCUS THE POWER OF MY TELEPORTER THROUGH THE "WORM HOLE." I'M SENDING YOU THROUGH TIME SO THAT YOU ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES AHEAD OF THE SWORD.
TAKE THIS HOMING DEVICE AND GUARD IT WITH YOUR LIFE. WITHOUT IT, YOU MAY NEVER GET BACK!
DUNCAN, I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T AGREE WITH ME, BUT I--
LET IT LIE, ADAM. YOU MUST DO WHAT YOU FEEL IS RIGHT, OF COURSE...
I JUST HOPE YOU DON'T LIVE TO REGRET YOUR DECISION!
READY?
READY!
HMMMM
HUH? I FELT DIZZY FOR A SECOND THERE! BUT I'M STILL IN THE CHAMBER!
WORKSHOP OF THE TRAITOR MAN-AT-ARMS AS IT WAS BEFORE THE CONQUEST OF SKELETOR THE GREAT
SKELETOR THE GREAT IS WATCHING YOU! AREN'T YOU GLAD?
HEY, DUNCAN? WHERE'D YOU GO? I'M STILL HERE! I DIDN'T GO INTO THE FUTURE!

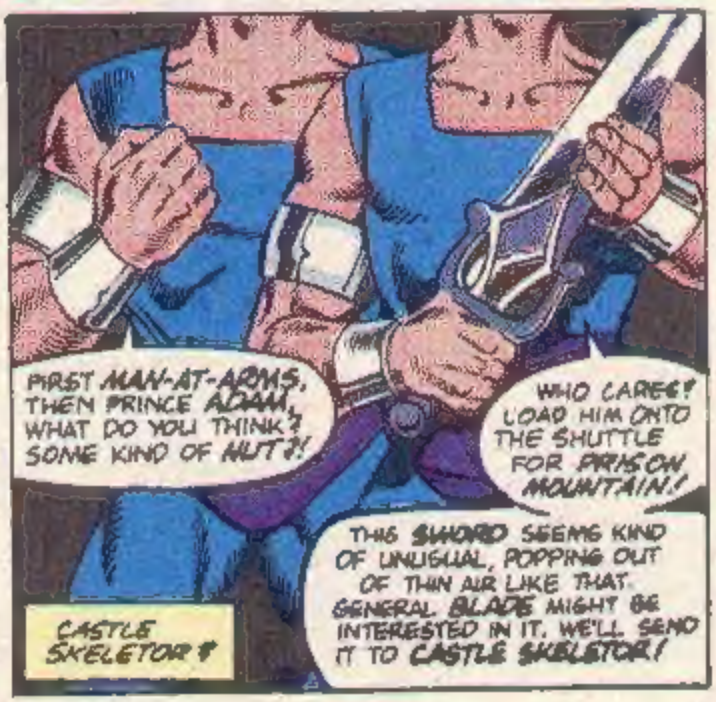
PALACE GUARDS! EXCUSE ME! HAVE YOU MEN SEEN MAN-AT-ARMS?


MAN-AT-ARMS? HA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE! EVERYONE KNOWS MAN-AT-ARMS HAS BEEN DEAD FOR THIRTY YEARS NOW!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY? THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA!
LISTEN, YOU TWO, I'M PRINCE ADAM!
MY SWORD IS ARRIVING FROM THE PAST. THAT MEANS I AM IN THE FUTURE!

GOT TO REACH...
IT APPEARS WE HAVE A REGULAR COMEDIAN HERE! THIS STUN BEAM SHOULD TAKE THE FIGHT OUT OF HIM!
AAARRGH!

NO! MY SWORD!
BY... THE... POWER...


FIRST MAN-AT-ARMS, THEN PRINCE ADAM, WHAT DO YOU THINK? SOME KIND OF NUT?!
WHO CARES! LOAD HIM ONTO THE SHUTTLE FOR PRISON MOUNTAIN!
THIS SWORD SEEMS KIND OF UNUSUAL, POPPING OUT OF THIN AIR LIKE THAT. GENERAL BLADE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN IT. WE'LL SEND IT TO CASTLE SKELETOR!
CASTLE SKELETOR?

OHHHHH... MY POOR HEAD... WHERE AM I?
YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT! AND WISH YOU HADN'T!
WELCOME TO PRISON MOUNTAIN WRETCHED SCUM! YOU ARE HERE TO PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES AND PAY YOU SHALL! ABANDON ALL HOPE FOR THERE IS NO ESCAPE!
AND FOR THOSE WHO THINK YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE YOU'LL SOON WISH YOU WERE NOT! THAT IS A PROMISE FROM OUR LORD AND MASTER
SKELETOR!!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT CRIME HAVE WE COMMITTED?
DOES IT MATTER? TO HAVE A SINGLE FREE THOUGHT IS ALL THE CRIME YOU NEED COMMIT ON ETERNIA! SKELETOR HAS --
SILENCE YOU REBEL SCUM! A FEW DAYS IN THE PRISON MINE WILL BREAK YOUR DEFIANCE!
THIRTY YEARS WITHOUT THE SWORD WITHOUT HE-MAN! SKELETOR HAS CONQUERED MY WORLD
I LOST THE SWORD I CAUSED TO HAPPEN THIS IS MY FUTURE!

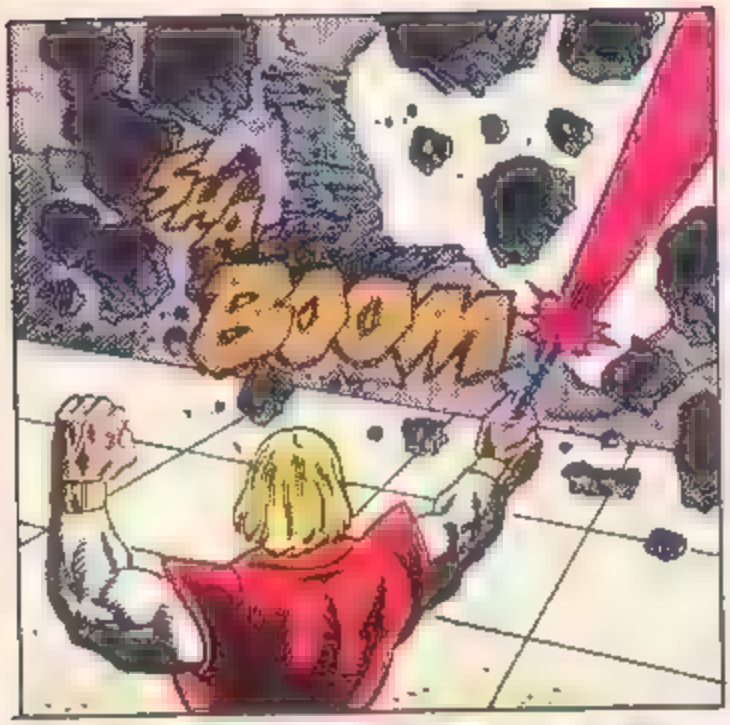
EVERYONE KNOWS HOW SKELETOR CONQUERED ETERNIA! THIRTY YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A MAD SKELETOR ATTACKED THE OLD CASTLE GRAYSKULL THEY SAY HE HAD THE COSMIC KEY! NOTHING COULD STOP HIM
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE FORCES OF GOOD? WHY DIDN'T THEY STOP HIM?
WHAT COULD THEY DO? WITHOUT (Shudder) HE MAN TO LEAD THEM?
YOU WORK HARD AND HAVE SOME MEAT ON YOUR BONES! NOT LIKE THESE OTHER SCARECROWS! COME WITH ME, WE'LL FIND YOU SOME REAL WORK!
I'VE GOT TO PLAY ALONG WITH THE HUMAN! I CAN FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE!
I'M SORRY - HERE'S MORE
HOW CAN WE WORK ON THIS MUCH FOOD?
STILL DEEP IN THE FOUL PRISON
IT'S NO BETTER ON THE OUTSIDE IN THE LABOR CAMPS
THEY'LL STARVE IN THE EVERGREEN FOREST LAND AGAIN THIS WINTER!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I TRIED TO STOP THEM FROM TAKING MY CHILD!
LORD SKELETOR'S "EDUCATION PLAN"! ETERNIA'S CHILDREN ARE TAKEN TO SCHOOLS WHERE THEY ARE BRAIN-WASHED INTO HIS SERVICE!
IF YOU WANT A PICTURE OF THE FUTURE IMAGINE SKELETOR'S BOOT
...STEPPING ON A HUMAN FACE... FOREVER!

I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS PART OF THE DUNGEON BEFORE...
NO ... IT CAN'T BE!
MOTHER! FATHER!
IT'S ME! ADAM
BEGONE YOU FIEND! HOW DARE YOU COME HERE IMPERSONATING MY SON! WE WON'T BE FOOLED BY SKELETOR'S TRICKS!
G GET AWAY FROM ME!
MOTHER! PLEASE-- LOOK AT ME! I AM ADAM YOUR SON!
NO!... NO
LOOK AT ME
ADAM? IT CAN'T BE
OH ADAM! =SOB= IT IS YOU, ISN'T IT SOB?
MOTHER WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?
I'D GIVEN UP HOPE! BUT HOW CAN THIS BE? YOU'RE THE SAME EXACTLY THE SAME AS YOU WERE --
--THIRTY YEARS AGO
FATHER I KNOW THIS IS INCREDIBLE BUT I'VE COME FROM THE PAST, FROM THIRTY YEARS AGO! I AM TRYING TO CHANGE WHAT HAPPENED. IF I SUCCEED, SKELETOR CAN BE STOPPED BEFORE HE CONQUERS ETERNIA! I CAN STOP THIS FATHER, I CAN AND I MUST!
I BELIEVE YOU, MY SON. OUR TIME IS SHORT. THE GUARDS WILL PASS BY SOON. SKELETOR HAS KEPT US HERE FOR THIRTY YEARS. FOR MOST OF THAT TIME I'VE BEEN BUILDING THIS, FROM STOLEN PARTS. A WEAPON TO HELP US ESCAPE. TAKE IT!
NO FATHER! I CAN'T! YOU TWO MUST COME WITH ME!
TAKE IT! WE ARE TOO OLD. WE WOULD NOT SUCCEED. BUT YOU, SON, HAVE A CHANCE! NOW WE HAVE HOPE!

THAT IS MORE THAN WE'VE HAD BEFORE THIS DAY!
FATHER MOTHER I WANT YOU TO KNOW -
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TIMES I'VE DISAPPOINTED YOU - I KNOW I HAVEN'T BEEN MUCH OF A SON
I'D BETTER GO..
SON WE'VE ALWAYS
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING YOU DESERVE TO KNOW
I AM THE MAN
NO!
GASP!
I GAINED THE POWERS OF SKARKULL THROUGH MY SWORD! I KEPT MY "SECRET IDENTITY" TO PROTECT YOU FROM MY ENEMIES I CAN SEE I FAILED EVEN IN THAT
BECAUSE OF ME, THE SWORD WAS LOST IN THE - IN MY FUTURE YOUR PRESENT! I'VE COME TO GET IT BACK SO THAT HE MAN CAN RETURN TO THE PAST AND STOP SKELETOR!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR KEEPING THIS SECRET FROM YOU I LOVE YOU BOTH MAKING YOU PROUD OF ME IS ALL I EVER WANTED
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF YOU MY SON! NEVER MORE SO THAN I AM TODAY!
ADAM ALWAYS REMEMBER NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS WE LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING NOW GO HURRY!
DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM?
NO I'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT HE'D TELL US WHEN HE WAS READY
I KNEW THAT WHEN I FIGURED OUT HIS 'SECRET' - ALL THOSE YEARS AGO
A MOTHER KNOWS

THIS BLASTER ROD HAS NO ENERGY! IT'S NO GOOD TO ME UNLESS I FIND A POWER SOURCE
ADOOSA
ADOOSA
THE ALARM! I MUST BE AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT!
GUARDS!
YOU THERE HALT!
GOT TO HIDE!
WHERE DID HE GO? IT'S TOO DARK DOWN HERE!
THIS WAY! HURRY!
SAFE!
NO.!!
NOT YOU TOO NOT YOU PLEASE!
NOOOOOOOOOOO.!!
EVERYONE I LOVE HURT! KILLED! SUFFERING! NO MORE! NO MORE.!! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!
WHAM
BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL DO YOU HEAR ME? NO MORE
SOB!
SORCERESS!!

ADAM! Ohhhhhhh..
THIRTY YEARS
H-HOW LONG...
I ALWAYS KNEW YOU'D COME. YOUR LOVE-- GRAYSKULL- POWER FREED ME
JUST REST SORCERESS DON'T TRY TO TALK! I'LL GET HELP--
IF ONLY I HAD POWER FOR THIS WEAPON, I'D--
S-SKELETOR.. IMPRISONED ME.. DRAINED MY POWER COULD NOT DESTROY HOPE.
I KNOW..
SORCERESS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
WHAT I MUST! USE MY POWER, STOP THE EVIL BEFORE IT STARTS!
PLEASE! DON'T DO THIS! SORCERESS!
I WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU MY 'SON'
S-SHE'S GONE.
SHE USED HER OWN LIFE FORCE TO POWER THE WEAPON! TO GIVE ME A CHANCE TO ESCAPE!
DUNCAN MOTHER FATHER SORCERESS
SKELETOR!!!
I'M GOING TO FIND YOU! AND BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL, I SWEAR I'LL MAKE YOU PAY!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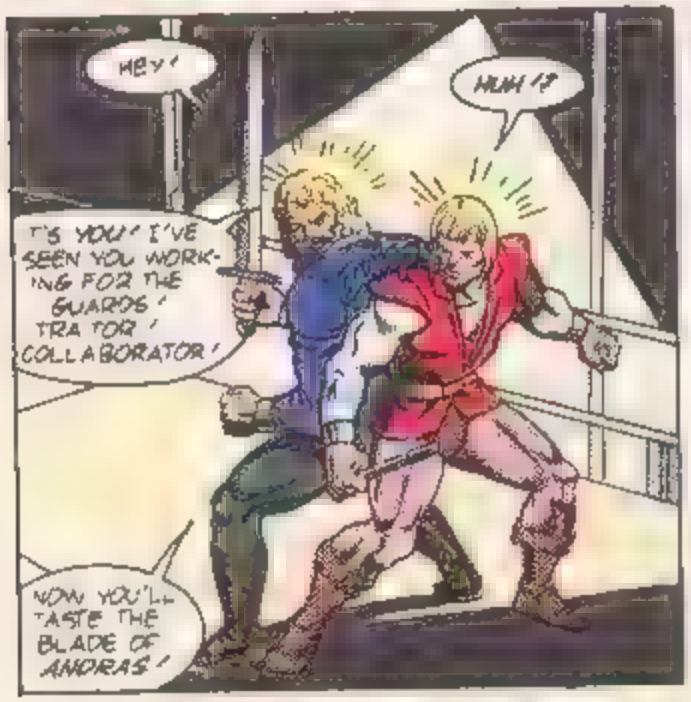
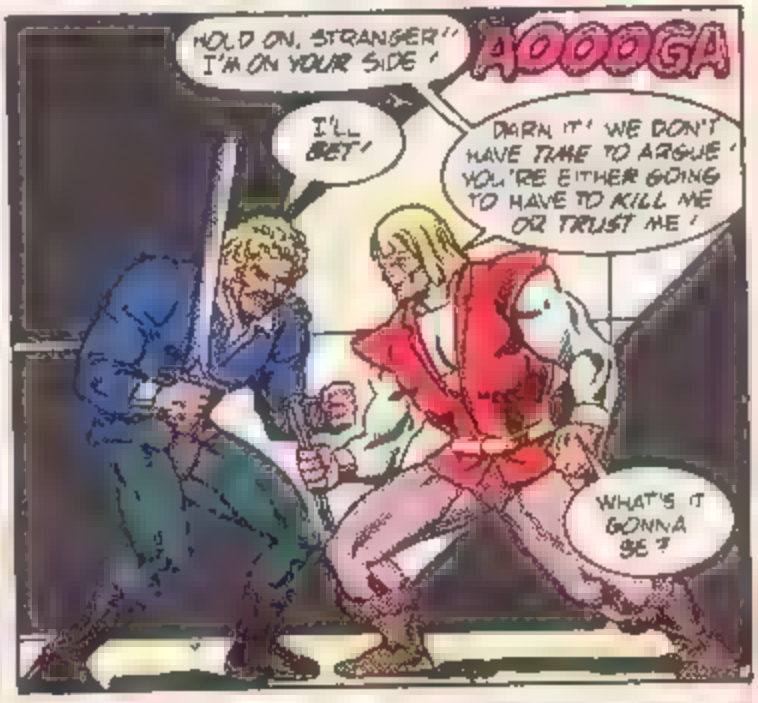
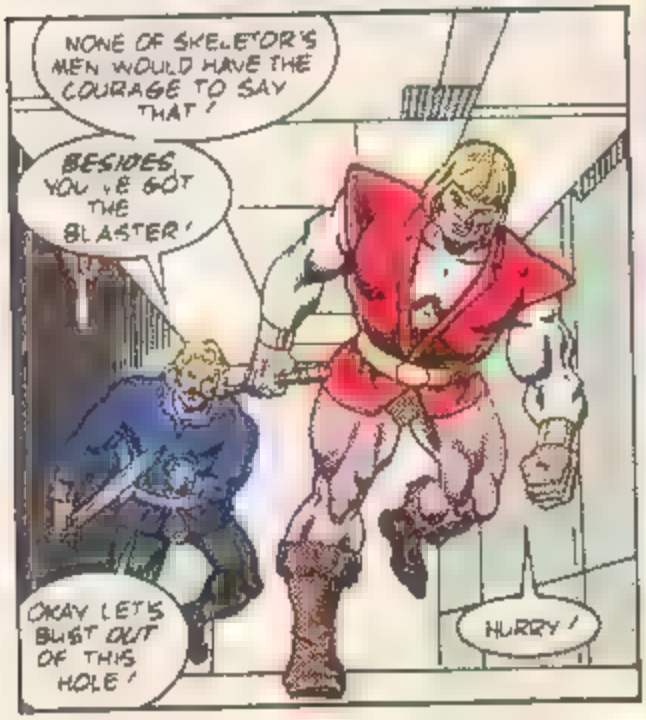
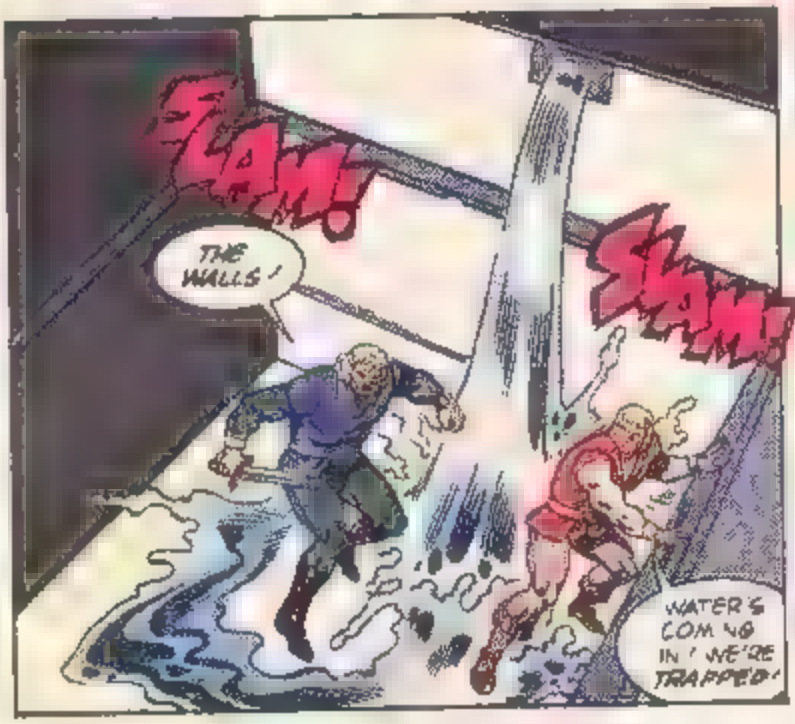
AOOOGA! AOOOGA
I PITY ANYONE WHO GETS IN MY WAY!


HEY!
HUH!?
IT'S YOU! I'VE SEEN YOU WORKING FOR THE GUARDS! TRAITOR! COLLABORATOR!
NOW YOU'LL TASTE THE BLADE OF ANDRAS!

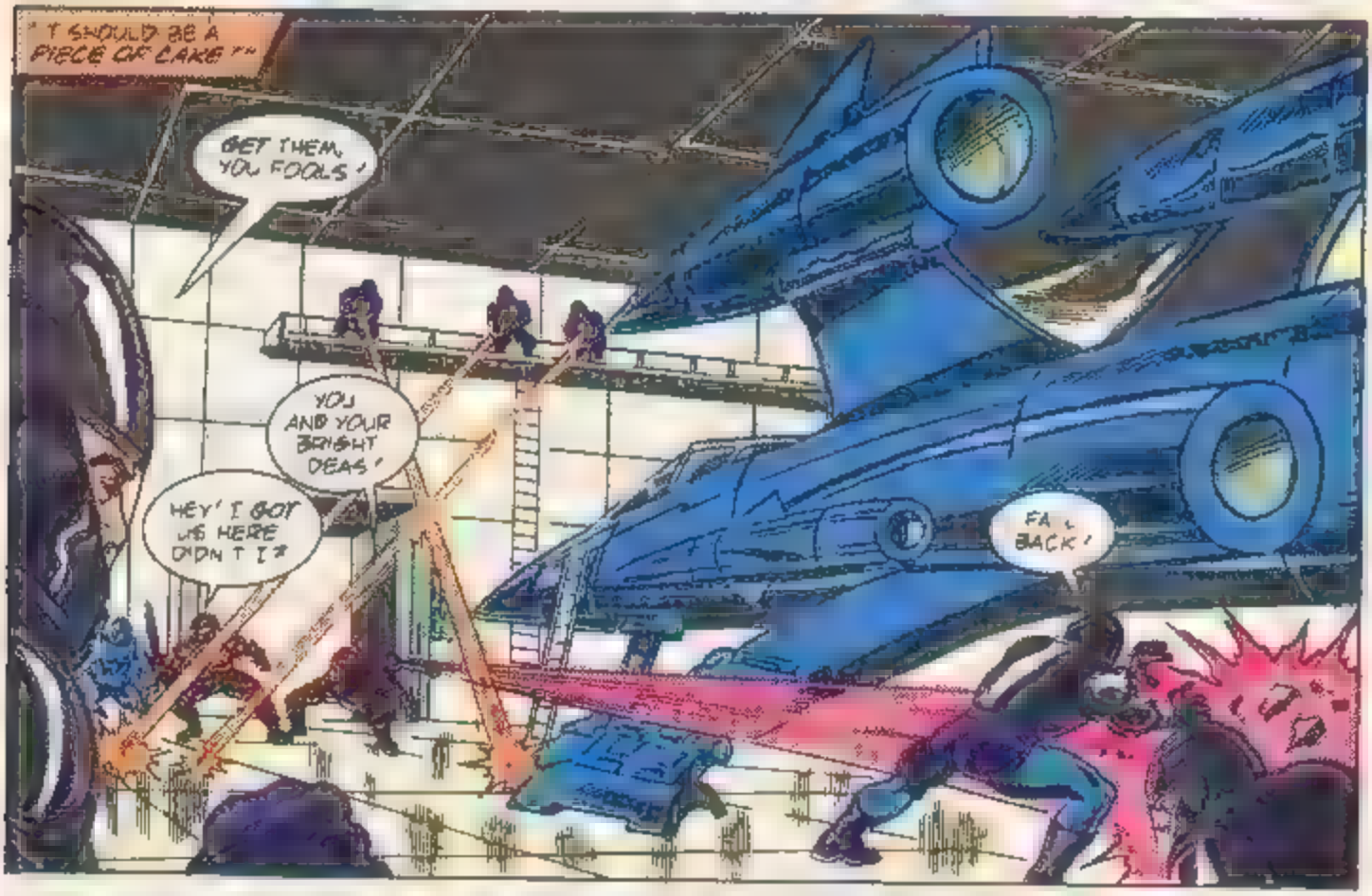

HOLD ON, STRANGER! I'M ON YOUR SIDE!
AOOOGA
I'LL BET!
DARN IT! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO ARGUE! YOU'RE EITHER GOING TO HAVE TO KILL ME OR TRUST ME!
WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?

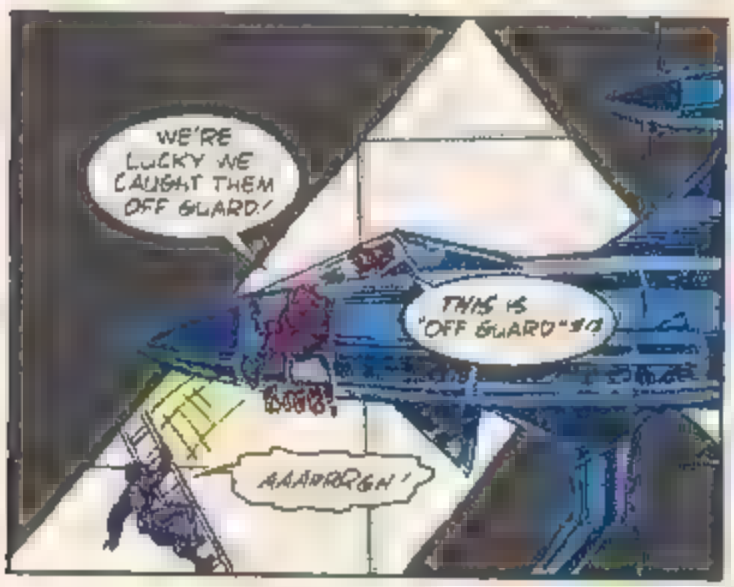

NONE OF SKELETOR'S MEN WOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY THAT!
BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT THE BLASTER!
OKAY LET'S BUST OUT OF THIS HOLE!
HURRY!

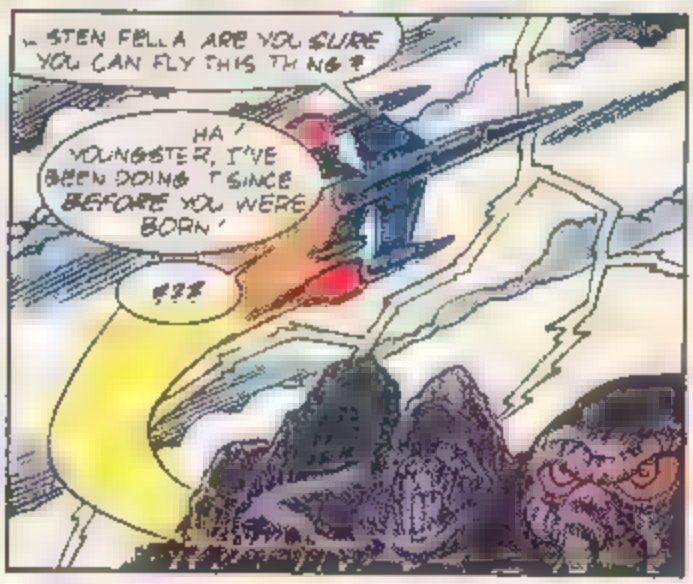

SLAM!
THE WALLS!
SLAM!
WATER'S COMING IN! WE'RE TRAPPED!

STAND BACK!
GRAYSKULL'S STONES! THAT'S SOME WEAPON!
IT SHOULD BE IT COST MY FRIEND HER LIFE!

I'M SORRY C'MON, THE HANGAR BAY IS DOWN THIS HALL! WE CAN STEAL A SHIP!


"I SHOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE!"
GET THEM, YOU FOOLS!
YOU AND YOUR BRIGHT IDEAS!
HEY! I GOT US HERE DIDN'T I?
FALL BACK!


WE'RE LUCKY WE CAUGHT THEM OFF GUARD!
THIS IS "OFF GUARD" #1
BOOM!
AAARRGH!


LISTEN FELLA ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN FLY THIS THING?
HA! YOUNGSTER, I'VE BEEN DOING IT SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN!
???

MY NAME S... ADAM
I M ANDRAS I M WITH THE RESISTANCE UNDERGROUND!
RESISTANCE!?
THERE AREN'T MANY OF US BUT AS LONG AS ONE MAN ON ETERNIA FIGHTS SKELETOR IT'S NOT OVER!
WHY ARE WE BAILING OUT?
I'VE PUT THE SHIP ON AUTO PILOT SKELETOR'S RADAR WILL FOLLOW THE SHIP AWAY FROM HERE WHILE WE LAND UNSEEN!
THE RESISTANCE IS HERE?
LET'S JUST SAY THIS IS THE LAST PLACE ON ETERNIA THAT SKELETOR WOULD LOOK!
GATHER YOUR 'CHUTE AND HIDE IT IN THE BUSHES! WE DON'T WANT THEM TO BE SPOTTED BY AN AIR PATROL!
knock knock
WHO?
"BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL"
PASSWORD!
ANDRAS! YOU HEADSTRONG STUBBORN FOOLISH OVER CONFIDENT BOY!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU LAD!
CLAMP CHAMP!
WE HEARD THEY TOOK YOU TO PRISON MOUNTAIN! HOW IN RANDOR'S NAME DID YOU GET OUT?
I HAVE MY NEW FRIEND TO THANK FOR T!

SAY, YOUNG FELLA, YOU LOOK FAMILIAR...
WHO IS HE— REALLY?
ANDRAS TRUSTED HIM... HE KNOWS OUR SECRETS!
LISTEN, EVERYONE, WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU IS PRETTY UNBELIEVABLE...
AFTER THE FANTASTIC TIME-SPANNING TALE IS TOLD...
...AND THAT'S HOW WE GOT HERE...
SO... WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU MISERABLE, LYING LITTLE CREEP! SKELETOR THINKS WE'LL FALL FOR A YARN LIKE THAT?
TELL ME WHY YOU'RE REALLY HERE, BEFORE I BREAK YOU IN HALF!
ADAM!! PUT HIM DOWN! NOW!
HE'S A SPY!
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
I-I GUESS I'M YOU!
PRINCE ADAM...
NO! "PRINCE" ADAM "DIED" THIRTY YEARS AGO! A PRINCE WITHOUT A KINGDOM! I'M JUST ADAM NOW. I'M THE LEADER OF THE RESISTANCE.
AND I AM THE SORCERESS, LIKE MY MOTHER BEFORE ME. WHEN SHE WAS GONE-- I TOOK UP THE MANTLE OF POWER
YOU REMEMBER ME AS...

TEELA!! YOU'RE ALIVE!
IT IS A FACT NO MORE SURPRISING THAN YOUR PRESENCE HERE, NOW!
TEELA! I KNOW ABOUT YOUR FATHER AND..
WHAT IS DONE IS DONE. MY FATHER DIED FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.
AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR YOUNG ANDRAS UPHOLDS THE PROUD TRADITION OF ETERNIA'S MAN-AT-ARMS!
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, SORCERESS! I TRY TO LIVE UP TO IT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO TEELA ALL THESE YEARS? SHE'S SO COLD AND DISTANT... SHE DIDN'T BAT AN EYE WHEN I MENTIONED HER FATHER!
ADAM, DO THEY KNOW?
MY SECRET? YES, THEY HAVE KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS, THAT I WAS HE-MAN. EVEN IF THE REST OF ETERNIA MUST NEVER KNOW! THE LEGEND OF HE-MAN IS OVER, FINISHED!
THEN YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE!
YES!
I... WE... LOST THE SWORD THIRTY YEARS AGO! I'VE COME TO GET IT BACK! TO BRING HE-MAN BACK WHERE HE IS NEEDED!
THE SWORD WAS LOST FOREVER!
NO! I'VE SEEN IT! IT WAS TAKEN TO A PLACE... I BARELY HEARD THE NAME... CASTLE SKELETOR! WE CAN BRING BACK HE-MAN!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, FOOL?
HE-MAN IS DEAD!!
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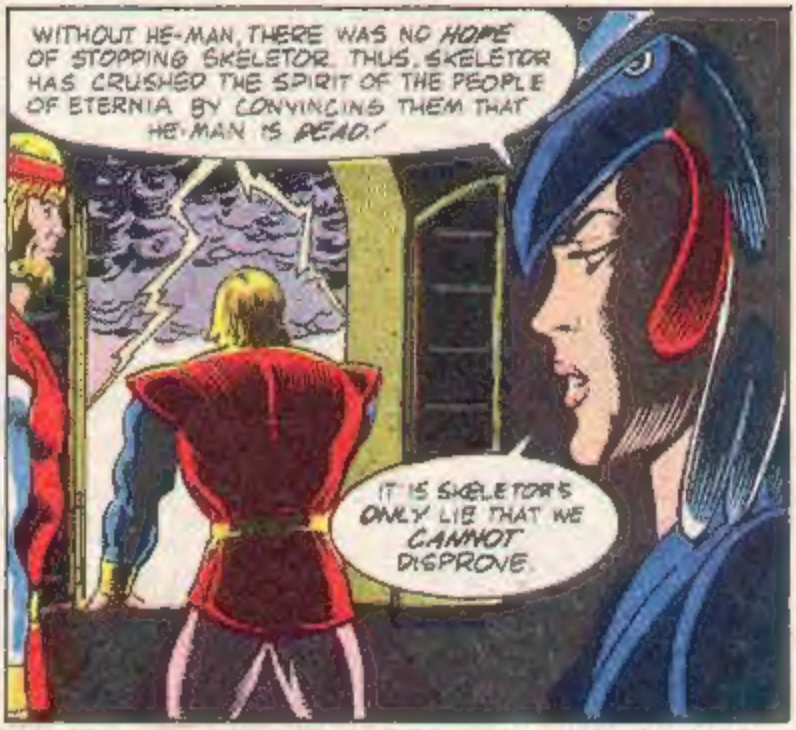
WITHOUT HE-MAN, THERE WAS NO HOPE OF STOPPING SKELETOR. THUS, SKELETOR HAS CRUSHED THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE OF ETERNIA BY CONVINCING THEM THAT HE-MAN IS DEAD!
IT IS SKELETOR'S ONLY LIE THAT WE CANNOT DISPROVE.

WE'VE GOT TO GO! WE'VE GOT TO GET THE SWORD! NOW!! THE SWORD'S THE ONLY CHANCE WE'VE GOT!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, KID!! ATTACKING CASTLE SKELETOR WOULD BE SUICIDE!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE RISK! I'VE SEEN TOO MANY OF MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUFFER AND DIE! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO STOP THIS -- ANYTHING!!

I'LL GO ALONE IF I HAVE TO!
WE'RE NOT READY TO THROW AWAY OUR LIVES ON A DIPE DREAM, KID!
I CAN SEE THAT A LOT'S CHANGED ON ETERNIA IN THE LAST THIRTY YEARS!
YOU'VE NOT ONLY LOST YOUR FREEDOM, YOU'VE LOST YOUR COURAGE AS WELL.

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
IT'S ADAM! WHAT'S HE DOING?

YOU'VE BLASTED THE OBELISK !!
ADAM ! WHY HAVE YOU DONE THIS ?

SKELETOR ~~HERE~~ LIES !! HE-MAN LIVES !!!
TO GIVE THE CONQUERED PEOPLE OF ETERNIA SOMETHING THEY HAVEN'T HAD IN THIRTY YEARS

HOPE
WELL ... ?
ALL RIGHT WE GO !
NEXT: THE ASSAULT ON CASTLE SKELETOR !
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